

SENATE RESOLUTION 198  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Andrew Fox of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Andrew Fox; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox served with acumen and alacrity for many years as a social worker, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, drawing inspiration from his early work as a teenage Day Camp Counselor at the Memphis Jewish Community Center with the OP-ACT program, which paired Jewish children with inner city children to work on summer projects in inner city neighborhoods, Mr. Fox would later pursue a career in social work; and

WHEREAS, knowing the value of higher education, Mr. Fox earned both his Bachelor's degree and Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, an avid proponent of children's programs, Mr. Fox aided the Memphis Park Commission in the development of a day camp program and then served astutely as the Director of the program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox had also served with distinction on the faculty of the University of Memphis as an Assistant Professor with the Social Work program which was organized by his mentor, Paul L. Schwartz; and

WHEREAS, appointed by Mayor Henry Loeb, Mr. Fox served as the first Chairman of Memphis' Community Relations Committee and helped to promote dialogue among the citizens of Memphis in the wake of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of the community and a consummate professional, Mr. Fox was a former Director of the Southeast Mental Health Center, former Director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Memphis, and was a former Administrator of St. Peter Manor; and

WHEREAS, always striving to better the quality of life for his fellow citizens, in 1989 Mr. Fox founded Fox Edwards & Company, Incorporated, a firm that managed and developed housing for the elderly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox had most recently contributed his time and prodigious talents to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities as a member of the Planning and Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Fox always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Katherine C. Fox and was the proud father of Sharon Fox O'Guin and Leah Fox; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his sister, Elaine F. Schefflin and his two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fox leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Andrew Fox, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, dedication to the advancement of his community through social work and incomparable public service, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Fox.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.